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Williams appointed to Board of Trustees

HOLYOKE — Eleanor P. Williams of Longmeadow, a lawyer who now works for the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company, has been appointed to the Holyoke Community College Board of Trustees by Gov. Charlie Baker.

Baker announced the appointment Friday, Nov. 20. Williams's term will expire on March 1, 2024.

"I am thrilled to be part of this amazing community of leaders who are striving to move forward the mission of Holyoke Community College," she said. "I've enjoyed meeting President Royal, and I look forward to building many positive relationships here for the benefit of the college, its students and faculty."

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Locally-owned store moves to mall

HOLYOKE — Just in time for holiday shopping, Furnari Jewelers has opened their doors at Holyoke Mall. Offering high-quality fine jewelry at competitive prices, Furnari Jewelers says their goal is not the sale, but to form a lasting relationship with the customer. Furnari carries fine gold and silver jewelry, wedding sets, gemstones, pearls, watches and has a gold and silversmith on premises that can do repairs while customers wait. Furnari also offers customers the ability to design their own ring for

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Rapid Antigen Test for COVID to be offered at HPS

HOLYOKE — This week, the Holyoke Public School were notified it was selected by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) to offer the Abbott BinaxNOW rapid antigen test for COVID-19 in school health offices across the district. The Abbott BinaxNOW test is a highly accurate and minimally invasive anterior nasal

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Morse will not seek another term

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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HOLYOKE — Mayor Alex Morse's 10-year tenure as the city's top official will end next year.

The mayor announced Tuesday he would not seek re-election for another four-year term, thus keeping a promise to himself when he was first elected in 2011.

At the time, Morse was the first openly-gay mayor as well as the youngest in the

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STUDENTS COLLECT FOOD FOR KATE'S KITCHEN



Despite the burden of Covid-19, Blessed Sacrament School students continue their mission of helping those less fortunate in our community. Students held a Food Drive to help stock the shelves of Kate's Kitchen in Holyoke. Blessed Sacrament School families donated an abundance of non-perishable food items and canned goods to help Providence Ministries feed the hungry of our community.

Submitted photo

In-person culinary arts classes resume at HCC

HOLYOKE — Every good cook knows some recipes call for a slow simmer, others a rapid boil.

Without stretching the metaphor too far, seven culinary arts students at Holyoke Community have in a way been on a slow simmer themselves since March, when their first-semester schedules were interrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

They had just completed their seven-week introductory cooking course, Culinary Fundamentals I, and were supposed to start Culinary Fundamentals II after spring break. Instead, the campus shut down and the HCC MGM Culinary Arts Institute temporarily closed as the college

transitioned to remote instruction.

But it's tough to learn a proper sear or sample braised quail over Zoom, and, so, their first semesters were put on hold until the fall.

And then, on Oct. 28, after a seven-month hiatus, the teaching kitchens at the Culinary Arts Institute reopened, and the students were back at their stations. Since then, they have been progressing, if you will, at a rapid boil through a series of accelerated, back-to-back classes designed to catch them up before the spring semester begins on Jan. 25, 2021.

"It's definitely exciting

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Monica Hernandez of Westfield pan sears a chicken breast during her Culinary Fundamentals II class at the HCC MGM Culinary Arts Institute in early November.

Submitted photo

City remains in 'high-risk' category

By Shelby Macri
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HOLYOKE — The State's Department of Public Health put out a report of case number on Friday Nov. 27, each city was listed in the report with the case numbers of the prior two weeks data.

The report compared the data from the two-week period from Nov. 8 to Nov. 21, to the two-week period from Nov. 1 to Nov. 14. Compared to the months first two weeks the city is lower in case counts, but it stays in the red category due to the volume in cases.

In the report Holyoke had 311 new cases in two weeks, with 382 positive tests in the same amount of time. Though the case numbers are technically lower there's still a large amount of people being infected. Recently the city reverted back to Phase 3, step 1 of the state's re-opening plan.

Both indoor and outdoor gatherings had reduced limits, and businesses had to downsize, or close if they were unable to handle the downsizing guidelines. Other areas that include close contact had to close, like performance venues and theaters.

Along with there being a mask mandate in public areas whether they are indoors or outdoors, the city has a COVID page on the website that encourages people

to wear their masks wherever needed. They also include that wearing a mask does not cancel out painting social distancing when in the public.

On the city's COVID page, updates are given, as well as information about the testing sites within the city. There was a recent update that the "Stop the Spread" testing sites with be extended through to Dec. 31. On Dec. 2 the two test sites will receive additional staffing. People can find more information on the testing sites on the COVID page of the Holyoke website.

The state continues to list Holyoke in the red category with a 54.7 daily rate for two weeks, city officials did not comment on the need or possibility of further restrictions to control the recent and steady surge. The city continues to follow state guidelines and regulations for residents to follow, mainly including to wear masks when in all public area, social distancing, and sanitizing or washing one's hands as often as possible.

Board of Health Director Sean Gonsalves did not comment on the most recent numbers and he did not address whether further restrictions would be needed in the city. He did say numbers are rising in the area, including nearby cities.

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Library board seeking new members

By **Shelby Macri**
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HOLYOKE – The Holyoke Public Library is currently looking to fill three positions on the Board of Directors as City Representatives. This position involves a volunteer that is appointed by the City to serve as a Library board member.

According to the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners handbook, “The Library Board as a whole should represent a broad spectrum of the community. A Board consisting of diverse viewpoints assures that the library will save the total community.”

The Board of Directors is a group of citizen volunteers that the public library is entrusted to for governing. The Board is a vital link between the library and the community. Members are library advocates, and leaders who develop service willingly, responsibly, and creatively for all members of the public.

Each board member, whether elected or City appointed brings certain strength, skills, talents, and personal experience to the Board in order to uniquely serve the library. The Board is successful when creating working relationships with the community, library staff, and fellow Board members.

Member responsibilities include

attending and participating in all board meetings, being informed about all phases of library operation, lending expertise and leadership to the board for the good of the library, helps to secure adequate municipal funding, participates in fundraising activities, and visiting the library often.

Qualifications for board members include the appreciation of the library and a desire to provide the best library service for the community, and a willingness to be a team player. Those who are interested should have the ability to work with people, to plan, and to put aside personal preferences for the greater good of the library.

The library is looking for volunteers

who represent a brand spectrum of the community. The MBLC handbook says “An effective Board member is one who participates intelligently in the entire political process: understanding municipal finance, local budgetary pressures, personnel concerns, and the administrative practices of the municipality as a whole.”

The Library Board of Directors recognizes the library is part of a larger municipal structure and members will build stronger partnerships within the community. If any resident is interested in applying they can send a letter of interest and a resume to mayorsoffice@holyoke.org or call the Mayor’s Office at 413-322-5510.

Spots open for ‘Learning Support Pods’

HOLYOKE – HPS has partnered with the Boys and Girls Club, Homework House, OneHolyoke, Girls Inc. and the YMCA to offer Learning Support Pods for students in grades K-8. Learning Support Pods provide supervision and support with remote learning, especially for students for whom remote learning is least likely to be effective or for families whose parents are essential workers. Students will still be taught by HPS teachers and staff in the remote setting and the community-based organizations provide supervision and facilitation support. We are collecting applications for the waitlist, since we have been able to offer a seat to nearly everyone who applied in the first round.

Apply now to be on the waitlist. The pods have begun, and we have funding to continue at least through January. Learning pods have up to 13 students, supported by 2 staff members. They operate during typical school hours, 5 days a week. All health and safety guidelines will be followed, including wearing face coverings/masks, physical distancing, frequent hand washing, enhanced cleaning, and staying home when sick. Transportation will not be provided because families need to drop their child off at the host organization in order to comply with a wellness check, a requirement of the Department of Early Education and Care (EEC).

Learn about earthworms in virtual program

HOLYOKE – On Wednesday, Dec. 9 at 2 p.m., Wistariahurst will host Invasive Earthworms in New England Forests, their damage and spread as part of an ongoing series of live, virtual programming. Presented by Dr. Justin Richardson, this program will be free and open to all. Pre-registration is required.

Forests of New England are under pressure from shifting climates, introduced species, and human uses for fuel and wood products. One largely understudied biological pressure are invasive earthworms, such as the ‘crazy snake worms’ of the Megascolecidae family from Asia. New England forests largely developed without native earthworms due to the last major glaciation. Since

international boat travel, New England forests experienced a wave of European earthworms, and now are being invaded by worms such as *Amyntas agrestis*. Dr. Richardson will discuss their impacts on forests, where they have been observed, some measures to prevent their spread, and potential control mechanisms.

To register for Invasive Earthworms in New England Forests or any future programs, please visit www.Wistariahurst.org or contact Eileen Maginnis at the Holyoke Council on Aging at maginnise@holyoke.org. Future virtual programs will focus on a diverse range of historical and cultural topics including programs on nature, art, history, travel, and social justice.

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Morgan School staff relying on home classrooms

By **Shelby Macri**
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HOLYOKE – The Holyoke school district is requiring students to do remote learning, though staff is able to return to the building where there are many staff members who are teaching remote as well. That doesn’t stop the staff from holding online gathering with students to help get them engaged in this year’s learning.

Staff at the William G. Morgan school are mainly working from home, with better set up and more access to supplies than before. Principal Steven Moguel approximated that 10 percent of staff are back in the building, the rest are teaching remotely. Teachers can pick up supplies at the school building when needed, and the staff has acclimated to online teaching whether it’s at home or in the classroom.

“We were reactive in March and we’re proactive in the fall, we’re better set up,” Moguel said. “The result in teaching has been good, a lot of teachers are remote but some teachers set up in classrooms to help students feel more comfortable.” The school is working to

provide online gym classes, special education classes, and counseling. Although the setting of the classroom can help students, they still will not receive as many opportunities to interact with each other.

To combat the inability to interact in halls, the staff holds online assemblies monthly to celebrate students. The assembly give the staff an opportunity to acknowledge the students and celebrate the hard work their putting in during this year. There are awards for different kinds of effort put into classes, and their honoring students in a public way with the rest of their class.

Moguel says that he and the staff are holding these assembly’s and awards by class each month, in an effort to highlight to work the students are putting in. “We’re not going to let this year feel like it doesn’t count, we’re looking to use new things,” Moguel said. “We’re starting to see kids display their work virtually and we’re really proud of that.” He further explains the Morgan’s dean, coaches, counselors, and teachers are all pulling together to find ways to be interactive and engaging.

Although Moguel misses seeing

kids in the hallways, popping into classrooms, talking with families, and inviting them to school events; the staff is coming up with ways to stay connected to students and their families. The staff is finding different ways to do home visits online for parents and guardians, as a way to provide extra help and talk about their students learning. Moguel says that families are very appreciative, and teachers have a few ways to connect with families.

Teachers will connect with parents by sending a separate Zoom link or asking parents to join the same classroom link at the end of class. During this time teachers become learning partners with parents, they’re collectively making plans with parents for their children’s academic success. It can be hard to do at home learning for all those involved but the staff is trying hard to work together with other staff members and families.

“I’m really proud of my staff, they took the technology and ran with it,” Moguel said, “We spend a lot of time in break-out rooms and the staff is hard working.” The school allows break-out rooms so the students can work together on something, this helps to problem

solve, brainstorm, and get used to working with others. These smaller group setting helps to keep students focused and engaged in their assignment. When given the right tools both students and teachers can be successful.

Along with providing staff with whatever materials they need, the schools give families access to materials they’ll need. Including Chromebooks and basic things like books, notebooks, pencils, pens, and other items they might need. There are days to pick up the materials and parents have to contact the school beforehand, but the school is trying to keep things accessible for students and their family. The staff working with the families to make sure students are set up for academic greatness, and there are plans in place for each student.

“The biggest thing I want to acknowledge is that we ask a lot of our teachers and they’re stepping up to the task,” Moguel said. “We’re proud of the kids and they can keep on when given the right tools. We’re not stopping kids, we’re highlighting them.” The school will continue to highlight students and participate in online gatherings to keep students excited about the school year.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Opposite of west
5. ___ Caesar, comedian
8. Helps little firms
11. A way to censor
13. Expresses atomic and molecular weights
14. Chalcedony
15. Type of sword
16. A corporation's first offer to sell stock to the public
17. Attired
18. A sequence of winding turns
20. Pal
21. Expresses pleasure
22. Amendable
25. Clear
30. A way to cut off
31. Indigenous Thai person
32. Pale brownish yellow color
33. Aquatic plants genus
38. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!

41. Merchants
43. Fix a chair
45. Throws into
48. Famed German composer
49. Keyboard key
50. Oral polio vaccine developer
55. Partner to pain
56. Where golfers start
57. Jenny ___; weight loss program
59. Sailing dinghy
60. Suffix that forms adjectives
61. Speeds at which music is played
62. Body part
63. Fall back
64. Ancient Greek sophist

CLUES DOWN

1. One point south of due east
2. Wings
3. One point south of southeast
4. The shirts on our backs
5. One who works on the seas
6. Select jury
7. Small intestines parts
8. Plant of the heath family
9. Extrasolar planet
10. Creates more of
12. Before
14. Forms over a cut
19. Runs down
23. Exercise regimen
24. Unkeyed
25. Principle underlying the universe
26. Corpuscle count (abbr.)
27. Residue
28. Company that rings receipts
29. Rugged mountain range

34. Commercials
35. NY footballer
36. They ___
37. Soviet Socialist Republic
39. Poked holes in the ground
40. Pitchers
41. Your
42. Diana ___, singer
44. Important document for inventors
45. Bangladesh capital
46. Fluid that flows in the veins of Greek gods
47. Famed daguerreotype photographer
48. Where military personnel work
51. Play a role
52. La __ Tar Pits, Hollywood
53. Unstressed-stressed
54. Type of palm tree
58. Judo garments

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Poetry Corner

Love – Gone – Support

By Thomas J. Kennedy

Trauma time today
Indeed strange time
All will experience loss,
As only time to pray
Loved ones gone.

Moments and magical memories
Capture us in happy times.
From sock dances and foolish things
A pleasant, giving calm.

We accepted all then . . .
Even girls – played right field
Or got caught in our prison
Twigs in a circle in so much fun.

No violence dress was moderate genuine
Walk any street at night
No one bothered you
Playing and caring was there.

From basketball cards to hop scotch
To tree forts to monopoly
We had it all . . .
From dawn to mother's call.

Bobeeeeeeee, rising up to
Tawmeeeeeee, I thought they
Were singing the Morse code
We had mothers all unique in call.

Watching over all of us – Some even stray,
From sitting on blankets
to watching from porches
Your mom knew and discipline
and caring correction
waiting for you.
How fortunately we were with
caring, loving parents.
Peace, love and Joy.



Guest Column

They key to successful Christmas arrangements is variety

It's so much fun to arrange flowers! I absolutely love utilizing different colors and textures side by side to create a gorgeous arrangement. The same holds true when making wreaths or mixed planters for the holidays. Even though you are using hues of essentially the same color, green, the excitement is in the texture. From airy white pine to rigid spruce, wispy arborvitae to dense juniper, pointy-leaved holly to minute boxwood, they look great together when thoughtfully arranged. Finish your creation with the addition of pinecones, winterberries and even sumac or budded Pieris as accents, and you will be following in the footsteps of pro designers.

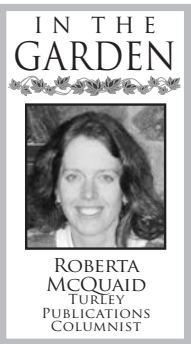
Acquiring lots of greens is easy. Many of the plants I mentioned make their homes in our landscapes or the nearby woods. While it's not recommended to go overboard, I regularly prune this time of year purposely to use the clippings in my decorating. The key to a good cut is not to leave stubs; always snip next to a side branch and space your pruning around the plant, not all in the same spot. And it goes without saying to do your best to ask permission when snipping on someone else's property.

Here is a refresher course from previous columns on how to make some of our favorite Christmastime arrangements:

Making a wreath is easy. Start with a wire coat hanger opened up into a circle. Attach some pliable wire to it. Then, wrap little bunches of greens to the base one after another. Be careful to lay them alongside, not on top of each other. You can make a wreath of just one type of green at a time, or make mixed "bouquets" for your bunches. When you reach the end of the wreath, hide the last bunch under the first and secure the wire. You can easily make a loop for hanging, or use the hook that came with the coat hanger.

If this sounds too difficult, why not make a simple swag? Choose a sturdy green for the base and position it stem pointing up with the pretty side facing you. Grab another type of green a bit smaller than the first and put it on top. Do this again and again with varying greens until you have a nice upside-down "fan." To complete your swag, wrap wire around the stems four or five inches down from the top, leaving a loop on the back for a hanger. You can cover the wire with a bow, and insert some berries or wired on pinecones should you wish.

Homemade cemetery boxes are also simple to make, even for a novice floral arranger. If you don't have plastic window boxes or wooden "logs" in your garage, spare plastic pots are fine substitutes. The key to crafting these is to remember that they are viewed from the front, so start with your



tallest, most rigid boughs in the back and work your way forward. My mother always uses plain old garden soil to fill the container and hold the greens in place. Some florists use 'sahara' floral foam- it is a great anchor and is less messy but because it is so light in weight, add some stones to plastic containers to keep them in place.

Mixed winter planters are made the same way. Try to keep the "one and a half" rule from Floral Arranging 101 in mind when determining how tall your planter should be. For proportions to be right, the height of your arrangement should be one and a half times the height of the container. For example, if your planter is a foot tall, your grouping of greens can be 18 inches high. If this planter is viewed all the way around, start in the middle of the container and work out in one direction, then turn it around and do the same on the other side. Use rigid greens such as spruce to get your height. Wispy greens like white pine look great spilling over the edge, gaining width. Because they are dense, juniper and boxwood make great fillers. Holly and Pieris are fancy and perfect for accent. If berries are scarce, you can dress up a planter with red twigs, bows, gilded pods and the like.

Have fun scouring the countryside for a variety of greens this holiday season and even more fun crafting your arrangements!

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Williams attended her first HCC board meeting on Tues., Nov. 24, over Zoom.

"We are excited to welcome Attorney Williams to the HCC Board of Trustees," said HCC president Christina Royal. "Her extensive leadership experience at MassMutual and her appreciation for the role of community colleges, and specifically HCC in our region, will be invaluable to the board's important work. I look forward to leveraging her expertise as HCC continues to strengthen its support for students, especially during this pandemic."

Williams has worked for MassMutual since 2011, starting as assis-



Eleanor Williams

tant vice president and counsel in the company's Dispute Resolution Group. From 2017 to 2019 she served as chief of staff to the executive vice president and was part of the senior leadership team.

She is now the business leader working with the Product and Marketing business units to drive product development and efficiency.

Prior to that she worked at Choate Hall & Stewart LLP in Boston as an associate in the law firm's Finance & Restructuring Practice Group.

She holds a bachelor's degree in foreign service from Georgetown University, a law degree from Boston College School of Law and a master's of business administration from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management.

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Known in the region for decades, Anthony Furnari opened his first store 40 years ago and says it was built on the foundation of customer service. Anthony's son, Joey Furnari, decided to follow in his father's footsteps. Starting with an undergraduate degree from Kenyon College in Ohio, Joey went on to become a certified bench jeweler at the American School of Jewelry. Joey opened his first store in May 2012 in Enfield, CT.

The 1,400 square foot Furnari Jewelers is located on the upper level near Apple. The store was formerly occupied by Kay Jewelers until Kay relocated their store earlier this year to the lower level next to Round1 Bowling & Amusement. Furnari has

hired seven employees for this location.

"While Holyoke Mall is made up of many national retailers, we are also home to numerous locally-owned businesses such as Theory Skate & Snow, The Greek Place restaurant, Graphic Stop and A Touch of Beauty Salon, so it's nice to welcome another local family to the shopping center," stated Bill Rogalski, General Manager for Holyoke Mall at Ingleside.

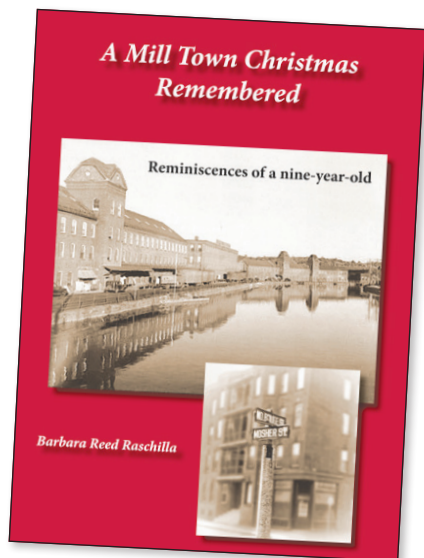
Furnari joins a list of new tenants at Holyoke Mall over the last five months including Cinnabon which opened in June, EA Teriyaki in October and Wings Express, which opened in November.

For more information about Furnari Jewelers, please visit their website at www.furnarijewelers.com.

A New Book About The Flats of Holyoke

Written by Barbara (Reed) Raschilla

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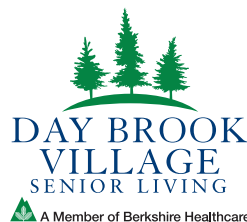
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Wrestling to be played in spring season

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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REGION – First it was outdoor “indoor” track, now could wrestling be moving outdoors?

Rather than cancel the high school wrestling season, the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association has voted to move wrestling to the spring season.

A “bubble” was placed between the winter and spring seasons to account for sports that were either shut down, or in the case of football and cheerleading, sports that were deemed high-risk to play during the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

While there is optimism some restrictions will

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Will Alicea starts a first round match at 152 pounds. The wrestling season is being moved to spring this year. Photos by Gregory A. Scibelli



Alex Hernandez tries to take down his opponent from Gateway.

PIONEERS LOOK FOR ROSTER HOPEFULS



Though the tryouts had to be more staggered with plenty of social distance, the Western Mass. Pioneers organization held tryouts prior to the Thanksgiving holiday for its many academy youth teams. Tryouts were held for numerous age groups for both boys and girls at Lusitano Field. The Pioneers are hopeful to have a normal regular season starting in the spring.

Photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com



MIAA issues statement regarding winter sports

FRANKLIN – The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) COVID-19 Task Force representatives today presented winter sport modifications and recommendations for the 2020-2021 season to the MIAA Board of Directors.

This presentation culminated a two-week MIAA governance process which included sport-specific sub-committee meetings where updated Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) and current Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary (DESE) guidelines were reviewed. These subcommittees created sport-specific modifications and presented them to the full committees for approval. The MIAA Sports Medicine Committee (SMC)

and ultimately the MIAA Covid-19 Task force subsequently approved the modifications.

MIAA Executive Director Bill Gaine stated, “The MIAA’s mission can be defined by a dual prescription: promoting maximum participation opportunities for the maximum number of student-athletes so that life lessons can be learned. At the same time, promoting the health and safety of all participants is the Association’s imperative.”

The MIAA Board of Directors voted to approve sport-specific modifications for the Winter Season. These modifications will continue to be reviewed as they relate to current regulations surrounding COVID-19 and may be modified if necessary. Additional

modifications or the decision to participate in MIAA-recognized winter sports will be determined by local school districts and/or their local Board of Health. You may view the Task Force presentation on the MIAA website.

Highlights include:

The Winter Season will have a new start date of December 14, 2020.

Modifications for the sports of Wrestling, Indoor Track, winter Cheerleading and Dance were not created or presented due to committee recommendation for those sports to be moved to a different sport season. Indoor Track is moved to the Fall II Season and Wrestling, winter Cheerleading and Dance are moved to the Spring Season.

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HoopHall event cancelled, to return in 2022

SPRINGFIELD — The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame announced today the cancellation of the 2021 Spalding Hoophall Classic presented by Eastbay. The annual basketball showcase entering its 20th year at Springfield College, the birthplace of basketball, is typically played during MLK Weekend.

“We’re obviously extremely disappointed to cancel Hoophall Classic, a premiere event in the high school basketball calendar,” said Greg Procino, Vice President of Basketball Operations for the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. “The event has seen tremendous talent and

success over the past two decades, with a number of sellout crowds, but ultimately the safety of our fans, student athletes and staff is of the utmost importance. We thank Springfield and our marketing partners for their support over the years and look forward to returning to Blake Arena when it’s safe to do so.”

The Basketball Hall of Fame plans to relaunch the elite high school event in 2022. For the latest updates as they become available, follow @hoophallclassic on Instagram and Twitter.

The HoopHall event has featured many games featuring area high school teams,

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MIAA President and Marshfield Superintendent Jeff Granatino said, "It is great to see that so many of our student-athletes will be able to take part in the sports they love this winter. Many coaches, athletic directors, principals and superintendents worked hard over the past few weeks to ensure that we would be able to offer interscholastic athletes for our students, and I want to thank them for their efforts."

Granatino added, "The pandemic has reshaped the way education is delivered across the country and the same can be said about its impact on

athletics. Nonetheless, I am confident our student-athletes and coaches will adjust to the new expectations this winter and have an experience as fulfilling and as exciting as what we saw during the fall season. Gaine reinforced, "Our membership should be proud that our Board's actions today reflect allegiance to the MIAA mission."

The approved Winter Season sport modifications are located on the MIAA COVID-19 Task Force Page. The Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) document located on the Task Force page is currently being updated to better reflect and provide clarity with recent decisions. This will be posted as soon as possible.

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lift as the vaccine rolls out in the next few months, the MIAA is operating as through the pandemic conditions exist until they are otherwise guided by the state Department of Energy and Environmental Affairs. The EEA has been issuing the guidance high schools have been operating with. The guidance has included modified rules and protocols utilized to help keep students healthy while also remaining on the athletic fields.

The EEA has advised against wrestling during the winter season due to the sport having "sustained close contact" between competitors.

With football already set to be played during the "bubble" season, the decision was made to try and have wrestling during the spring season.

With school gymnasiums being utilized for boys volleyball during the spring as well as the temperatures rising, the idea of hosting wrestling meets outdoors has been broached. It is unclear how that would look and what conditions spring athletes will compete under, but it

would definitely be a first to hold wrestling meets outdoors. Meets typically take place in the center of a gymnasium on hard mats.

While it will more than likely be played during the bubble season, indoor track is also being talked about to be played outdoors due to the improving weather between February and April.

It is otherwise unclear how a change in seasons will affect already shrinking wrestling programs in the region. Many teams are having more and more trouble fielding full teams of at least 14 wrestlers, of which each one can fit into every weight class. With wrestling being competed in the spring, some schools could lose competitors to their regular spring sports, including lacrosse, baseball, tennis, and track. There also could be a lack of tournaments for individual wrestlers to compete in depending on how the region reacts to the sports movement to the spring.

There will be no winter tournaments for basketball and hockey. It is unknown whether spring sports will have tournaments played.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
Docket No. HD20P1832PM
In the matter of:
Irene A Beaulieu
Of: Holyoke, MA
RESPONDENT
(Person to be Protected/ Minor)
CITATION GIVING
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER
PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 & §5-405
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Julie Beaulieu of Holyoke, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **Irene A Beaulieu** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Julie Beaulieu of Holyoke, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve **With Surety** on the bond.
The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.
You have the right to object to this proceeding.

If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **12/17/2020**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.
WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 19, 2020
Suzanne T. Seguin
Register of Probate
12/04/2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
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Docket No. HD20P2016GDD
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Minor
NOTICE AND ORDER: PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN OF A MINOR
NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
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3. **Counsel for the Minor:** The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.
4. **Counsel for Parents:** If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for

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Date: November 23, 2020
Suzanne T. Seguin
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12/04/2020

Notice of Public Hearing
The DGR Committee of the Holyoke City Council will hold a public hearing on **Monday, December 14, 2020 at 6:30 pm** to hear 2 Special Permit applications of Holyoke Landing LLC for a Drive-Thru Facility (Fast Casual Restaurant/Fast-Food 7.1.6) and a Drive-Thru Facility (Bank – Drive-Up Teller/ATM 7.1.6) at Lower Westfield Rd. (Map 117 Block 00 Parcel 005) Meeting will take place remotely and can be accessed via **www.zoom.us Meeting ID:** 842 2808 2035 **Meeting Passcode:** 100297 or by call in at 1 (929)205-6099 with same Meeting ID and Password. Written public comment can be submitted to publiccomment@holyoke.org. For information on these applications please contact City Council Admin. Assistant Jeffery Anderson-Burgos at anderson-burgosj@holyoke.org or by phone at (413) 322-5525.
DGR Chair: Bartley
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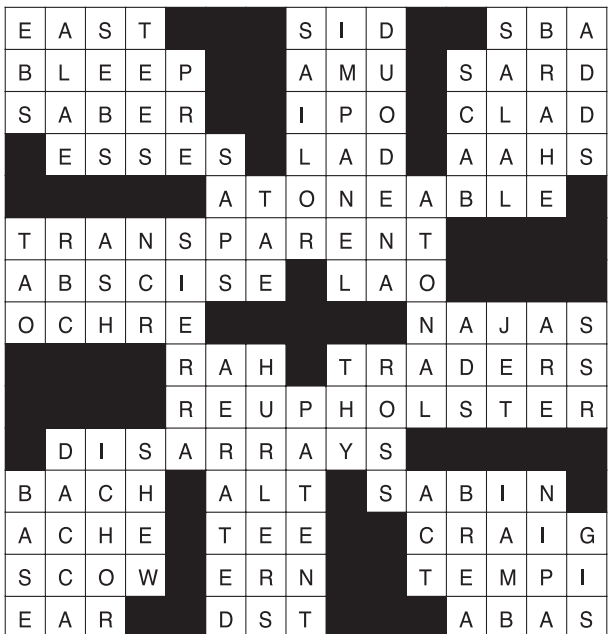
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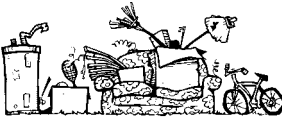
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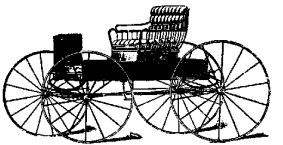
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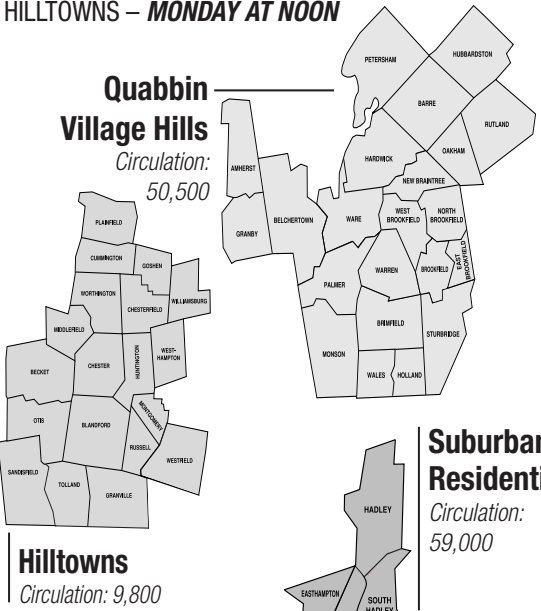
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city's history. Morse won an unprecedented race and was regularly challenged in re-election campaigns, facing multiple challengers on a few occasions.

"When I was first elected," Morse said in a statement released Tuesday. "I expressed the desire to serve for ten years at most – enough time, I thought, to get some key goals across the finish line, and to secure a legacy we could be proud of. I firmly believe that our democracy works best when we create space for more voices and perspectives to influence the public sphere. So, with a municipal election year almost upon us, I feel it's important to let you know that I will not be seeking re-election."

Morse said he announced his candidacy for mayor at this time 10 years ago.

"Weeks shy of my twenty-second birthday," said Morse. "I stood in the freezing cold, surrounded by family, friends, and my earliest supporters, and I made my case. It was the beginning of the most improbable, challenging, and wonderful journey."

Morse, in his statement, recounted a prosperous tenure as mayor, making improvements to the city through economic development, and lowering crime rates.

"Think about what we've been able to achieve," said Morse. "Think of the neighborhoods that have seen record levels of new investment. Think of the parks we've renovated and the new parks we've built, and



Alex Morse

the families who now get to enjoy them. Think of all the new housing completed and in progress. Think of the Holyokers from all different backgrounds and walks of life who got involved in the civic life of our community for the first time.

"Today, buildings that were once vacant are home to restaurants, housing, and artist spaces. Our population is growing again, and so is our tax base. We've empowered local entrepreneurs to create their own businesses. We've improved educational outcomes for our students and we've made the city safer than it's been at any time in a generation."

Morse won the city's first four-year term as mayor in 2017, believe it would be his final term. City voters increased the mayor's term from two to four years in 2015 through a ballot question initiative. The term carried Morse into 10 years as mayor of the city, though he was poised to leave early next year.

Morse ran an unsuccessful campaign to unseat U.S. Rep. Richard Neal, D-Massachusetts, for the First Congressional District in the House of Representatives. Morse, also a Democrat, ran and was defeated in the Sept. 1 primary.

The next municipal election will be held in November 2021. Morse has not specifically said what he plans to do following his final year as mayor. In addition to the mayoral race, city council and school committee seats will also be up for election.

TEST, from page 1

swab test. The test must be administered by a trained health professional and results are available in just 15 minutes. The school nurses will be participating in training and will be administering the test at the point-of-care to individuals with COVID-like symptoms.

Testing to diagnose COVID-19 is just one part of the COVID-response strategies and is used with health-pro-

moting behaviors that reduce the spread such as frequent hand cleaning, physical distancing of at least 6 feet, and wearing face-coverings properly. Additionally, the schools are working to maintain a healthy school environment and healthy operations, and are prepared for when someone gets sick. The school district will be providing additional information about rapid antigen testing over the coming weeks. Please watch for it. The safety of students and staff is a top priority at HPS.



Chef Warren Leigh samples vegetable rice prepared by student Caroline Ortiz of Agawam.

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CULINARY, from page 1

to get back in the kitchen into a somewhat normal routine, doing what I love and learning," said student Monica Hernandez.

Hernandez and her classmates recently completed what would typically be a seven-week course, Culinary Fundamentals II, in just 2½ weeks, thus concluding their long-delayed first semester in a two-year journey toward their associate of science degrees in culinary arts.

They started their reconfigured second semester on Nov. 16 and are already halfway through their Pantry and Garde Manager course, which will be followed immediately by Stocks, Soups and Sauces.

"Classes are very fast paced," said Hernandez, who lives in Westfield.

The pace will accelerate even more during HCC's 10-day January Wintersession program. Students will be in the kitchen Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., completing two classes in two weeks, Baking and Pastry Arts, and Entrée Preparation and Presentation.

All HCC classes that meet in person must be approved by the college's Return to Campus Task Force. The majority of HCC classes are still being conducted remotely.

"Just like in Health Sciences, everybody with labs – we've all had to rethink how we're running our classes," said chef and culinary arts professor Warren Leigh. "They said, think outside the box. Well, we did. As long as everything keeps

going the way it is, we're going to be done with semester two on January 15 and they'll be ready to join some of the other students for semester three classes in the spring."

In addition to the fast-track schedule, other accommodations were made, such as reducing the number of students in each section.

"We can really do six to seven, but we're keeping it at six moving forward," said Leigh. "The six stations are perfect for social distancing and whatnot. All the classes set up for winter and spring we're capping at six, knowing that nothing is going to be normal for a while."

General precautions around health and safety have been elevated in and around the kitchen on account of COVID-19.

"We get our temperatures taken as we walk in the building," said Hernandez. "Multiple stall restrooms are now single use only. We can only use the dish room one at a time. We have assigned stations. We use the same dishes for every class and we wash them ourselves so each of us has contact only with the dishes we use every day. We are a lot more mindful of personal space, contact and germs. We wash our hands frequently. I find myself washing my hands a lot more."

Of course, they all wear masks, but that does make it more difficult to be heard and understood in a busy commercial kitchen.

"Wearing the mask has really proved that we need a kitchen voice to be able to talk to each other," said Hernandez. "It's really important to pay attention and listen closely."

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